



# ADVENT EVANGELICAL *Lutheran Church*

Third Sunday in Lent  
Sunday, March 8, 2026  
9:00 AM



***We Gather in Jesus' Name***



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Welcome Visitors! Discover God's abundant grace and love.

*We extend a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. We give thanks that you are here with us. Please sign our guest book and come back to worship with us again.*

## We Gather in Jesus' Name <sup>1</sup>

*Prelude (a time for silent meditation)*

### Announcements

### Confessions and Forgiveness <sup>2</sup>

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
Who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God,  
who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: **Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

<sup>2</sup> On the day of Christ's resurrection, and at other times, God gathers us in Christian assembly. We confess our sin and hear God's word of forgiveness. We give thanks for God's mercy in the gift of baptism.

## Gathering Song <sup>3</sup>: “There is a Balm in Gilead”

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*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, “He died for all.”  
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

## Greeting

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day <sup>4</sup>

**P:** Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## Children's Sermon

<sup>3</sup> Singing at the gathering may include hymns old and new; a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world; a canticle of praise to God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> During the gathering, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the name of the triune God. The presiding minister gathers the assembly into prayer.

## The Reading of God's Word <sup>5</sup>

### **First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 95** *(read responsively)*

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
- <sup>8</sup> **"Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**
- <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.'

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<sup>5</sup> God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. The word of God is proclaimed within and by the gathered assembly. The first Bible reading, usually from the Old Testament, is followed by a psalm sung or spoken in response. The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church. We acclaim the living Word, Jesus Christ, present in the gospel reading. Preaching brings God's word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

## **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 4:5-42**

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will



worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Hymn of Praise <sup>6</sup>: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

**Apostles' Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

<sup>6</sup> God's word is further proclaimed as we sing and as we confess our faith with the whole church. After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ***Prayers of Intercession***

*Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God,*

**C: Your mercy is great.**

### ***Sharing of the Peace***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### ***The Offering*** <sup>7</sup>

*Please leave your offering by scanning the QR code  
or on our website: <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/adventrichboro>*



### ***Offering Prayer***

P: Let us pray...

**C: O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

## **Sacrament** <sup>8</sup>

### ***The Great Thanksgiving*** <sup>9</sup>

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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<sup>7</sup> A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. The table is set with bread and wine.

<sup>8</sup> God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. With the whole creation, we join the angels' song.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### ***Lord's Prayer*** <sup>10</sup>

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### ***Invitation to Communion***

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

### ***Distribution*** <sup>11</sup>

The body of Christ, given to you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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<sup>10</sup> The grace of God's gift is always proclaimed in Jesus' own words of command and promise at the table. A full thanksgiving also includes praise to God for creation and salvation; remembrance of the crucified and risen Christ; and prayer for the Holy Spirit in this meal. The thanksgiving concludes with the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

<sup>11</sup> In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission. It is traditional to sing as the bread is broken and as the meal is shared. We ask God to send us in witness to the world.

## **Prayer after Communion** <sup>12</sup>

Let us pray...

God of our salvation,

We give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn: "In Christ Alone"**

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

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<sup>12</sup> God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. God's mission includes the gifts of grace that we share in worship and take also to the absent; now, we are sent to continue our participation in God's mission. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world.



**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Contacting Pastor Matt**

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office,  
particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency,  
please feel free to call his cell at 215-859-3778  
or email him at [pastormattolikainen@gmail.com](mailto:pastormattolikainen@gmail.com).

## OUR MISSION



- + To **gather** as God's people and nurture one another
  - + To **know** the Word of God
  - + To **grow** in faith, love, and service
- + To **go** into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ

## SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen
Guest Musician	Joseph Napi
Lay Reader	John Flint
Communion Assistant	Kristi Ward
Fellowship Time	Open

### Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God.

### Mission Support

Mission Support is dedicated to the Glory of God.

Worship Attendance for Sunday, March 1: **Total: 42**

8:00 AM: 11      9:30 AM: 26 + 1      Sunday School: 4

## Communion Reminder

The Worship and Music Committee would like to remind the congregation that those going forward to the altar for communion have a few options. There is gluten-free bread in the small clear glass bowl, and white grape juice for those who prefer. Just let the Pastor or assistant know your preference.

## Praise Band and Vocal Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals for both Praise Band and Vocal Choir are held on Wednesday evenings.

Praise Band: 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

Vocal Choir: 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM



*If you are interested in sharing your musical talents through Praise Band and/or Vocal Choir, please contact Mike Dettra, Music Director.*

## Call for Worship Assistants



Advent needs volunteers to assist with worship services! Training is provided for those interested in serving as Lay Reader, Communion Assistant, Acolyte or Greeter. Volunteers can also assist behind the scenes with set up prior to services. Contact Kristi Ward for more information: [kward1411@yahoo.com](mailto:kward1411@yahoo.com) or 215-284-2669.

## Sunday School Assistants Needed



Our Sunday school program is presently in need of an assistant for each weekly class. Our policy requires us to have two responsible persons to lead a class. At this time, we have one experienced teacher who teaches every week.

In order to provide an assistant, a sign-up sheet is in the narthex for volunteers to offer their help, one Sunday at a time. Volunteers require a background check. If you can help by serving as an assistant to our teacher in Sunday School at 9:30 AM on one or more Sundays during the school year, please sign an empty space. Thank you to those who have already volunteered!

-Jeanne Gryszka, Sunday School Director

## Dedications for Sunday Services

*Payments for dedications may be made using the marked envelopes by the sign-up charts.*

*Please place payment in the offering plate or mail payment to the church at*

*45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954.*

*Please write check to **Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church***

*and write **Altar Flowers** or **Mission Support** in the memo line on your check.*

### Altar Flowers Chart

The Flower Chart to dedicate altar flowers each Sunday is on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$25 per bouquet, and you are welcome to take the flowers home following the late service. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529

### Mission Support

The Mission Support Chart is available for sign up on the table in the narthex. Mission Support Dedication donations benefit our sister church, Iglesia Luterana Nueva Creacion, which does vital work in North Philadelphia. Dedication donations are \$25. You can also call the church office to submit your mission dedication: 215-355-2529

## Donations for Fellowship Time

Fellowship Time is held Sundays directly following the 9:30 AM service. The sign-up sheet to provide refreshments for Fellowship Time is available in the narthex on the refreshment table. Advent supplies hot beverages and paper products.

*If you are looking for a way to assist with Fellowship Time but do not have the time or ability to bake or shop for snacks, please consider donating a few dollars.*

## Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is a group of volunteers at Advent who pray every day, confidentially, for people added to the Prayer Chain. Names are maintained for one month unless asked to be removed earlier. To add names to the Prayer Chain:

- ✦ Complete a Prayer Request Card found in the pews of the sanctuary. Please place completed cards in the offering plate, or
- ✦ Submit names by email directly to Linda Weaver at [lindaweaver3@comcast.net](mailto:lindaweaver3@comcast.net).

*If you would like to be a Prayer Chain volunteer, please contact Linda Weaver.*

## Drive-in & Drop-off Food Collection – Warminster Food Bank

If you have food for the Warminster Food Bank and the church is not open, just drive into the parking lot and drop off the food inside the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. Check their website for the most current needs: [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

## February Financial Report

Financial Report For February 2026		
	Rec'vd for February 2026	Budget for February 2026
General Fund	\$20,106.93	\$19,805.00
Mortgage	\$1,790	\$1,898.00
Bene. - Synod Only	\$165	\$133
Other Benevolence	\$600	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,661.93</b>	<b>\$21,836.00</b>
	Rec'vd 1/1/26-2/28/26	Budget 1/1/26-2/28/26
General	\$23,497.86	\$39,610.00
Mortgage	\$2,260.00	\$3,796.00
Bene-Synod Only	\$205.00	\$266.00
Other Benevolence	\$690.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,652.86</b>	<b>\$43,672.00</b>

## Advent Easter Egg Hunt – Sunday, March 29 Volunteers & Donations Needed!

We are excited to celebrate Easter together with another joyful **Easter Egg Hunt** for our children and families! This year's egg hunt will be on **Sunday, March 29th**. Activities will begin at 10:45 AM and the Egg Hunt will be at 11:00 AM.

To register your child, please fill out the following form: <https://tinyurl.com/adventegghunt26>.

To make this event run smoothly, we need the help of our wonderful church family.

We are looking for **volunteers** to help with:

- **Set-Up Crew** – help prepare tables, stations, and the hunt area
- **Craft Table** – assist children with a simple Easter craft
- **Coloring Table** – help keep coloring activities organized and welcoming
- **Snack Table** – help distribute snacks and keep the area tidy
- **Game Table** – run fun, age-appropriate games
- **Egg Stuffing** – help stuff plastic eggs ahead of time
- **Clean-Up Crew** – assist with tearing down and cleaning up after the event



We are also accepting **donations of individually wrapped chocolates and goodies** to fill Easter eggs. Your generosity helps make this event special for our kids!

If you're able to volunteer or donate, please write your information on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact **Christine Welsh** at [welsh0914@gmail.com](mailto:welsh0914@gmail.com) or **267-566-6299**. Thank you for serving and supporting our church community this Easter! ♥

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### Easter Lilies – Sign up by March 29



The sign-up sheet to place lilies on the altar for Easter Sunday is on the table in the narthex. Cost is \$15 per plant. You may also contact the office via phone or email with your request. Make checks payable to Advent Lutheran and write "Easter Lilies" in the memo line of the check. Please mail payment to Advent at 45 Worthington Mill Road, Richboro, PA 18954 or use a Flowers envelope available in the narthex by the sign-up sheet and drop it into the collection plate.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Lenten Soup Supper and Prayer Service – “With Awe and Love”

Thursdays: February 26 to March 26



Advent will once again host the Thursday night Soup Supper and Prayer Service during the season of Lent. Soup will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by the Lenten Prayer Service, at 7:00 PM. The prayer service will also be available online via Zoom. Please RSVP for the Soup Supper so we can have an approximate head count. A response sheet and a sign-up sheet to provide soup, bread, and/or drinks are on the round table in the narthex. You may also call the church office to respond or sign up.

Lenten Prayer Service Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89416052406> Passcode: Lent2026

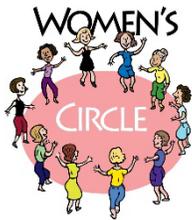
### Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 21, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



Come to Advent for a delicious Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner hosted by the Strategic Mission Team. The event will take place on the evening of Saturday, March 21, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Proceeds from the free will offering will go to benefit the Warminster Food Bank. Suggested offering is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. *To go meals will be available.*

### Advent Women’s Circle– Next Meeting Tuesday, March 10, 12:00 PM – Bring your lunch!



The Advent Women’s Circle’s mission is to support Advent through the implementation of projects that fill a need. We bring a simple lunch and discuss ideas and plans, all the while enjoying our time spent together with joy and humor. We celebrate birthdays for that month and write greeting cards to members in need of well-wishes.

Our social outings are an added feature that encourage us to explore local destinations. If you would like to attend an upcoming meeting or event as a new attendee, please contact the church office to confirm the date as it draws closer.

**March Outing:** Tour of the Princeton Art Museum, Sunday, March 15.

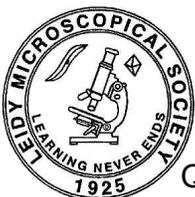
### Men’s Breakfast – Saturday, March 14, 8:30 AM



The suggestion was made to import a couple of chefs from Ireland to properly celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at the March Men’s Breakfast. Unfortunately, the person who made the suggestion was too young to remember that we did try that approach many years ago. Sad to say it didn’t work out as the Irish chefs got involved in celebrations in Philadelphia and never made it to cook at our breakfast.

**We serve at 8:30 AM, coffee ready by 7:30 AM.**

### The Leidy Microscopical Society 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Micromount Symposium at Advent Friday, March 13, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Saturday, March 14, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM



*Interested in rocks and minerals? You may want to check this out!*

Speakers, silent auctions, give-away tables, and more!

Visitor's Fees: \$5.00 for Friday, \$10.00 for Saturday – includes lunch.

Table space for two days: \$35.00 for ½ table; \$45.00 for full 6-foot table.

Questions: Email [donmcalarnen@outlook.com](mailto:donmcalarnen@outlook.com) Phone: 610-247-5097

Make check payable to: The Leidy Microscopical Society

Mail check to: Don McAlarnen, 916 Senator Road, East Norriton, PA 19403, or pay when you attend.

# THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

## SUNDAY, March 8

### Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 AM Single Worship Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday School: Children age 4 to grade 6
- 10:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting, *rescheduled from February 22*  
Fellowship: Open

## MONDAY, March 9

- 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting via Zoom
- 7:30 PM A.A. Open Meeting

## TUESDAY, March 10

- 12:00 PM Advent Women's Circle Lunch Meeting, *bring your own lunch*
- 6:30 PM Ping Pong

## WEDNESDAY, March 11

- 5:30 PM Praise Band Practice
- 6:15 PM Vocal Choir Practice

## THURSDAY, March 12

- 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:00 PM Lenten Prayer Service, *With Love & Awe*

## FRIDAY, March 13

- 12:00 PM Leidy Microscopical Society, Annual Symposium
- to 6:00 PM
- 7:30 PM A.A. Step Meeting

## SATURDAY, March 14

- 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast, *coffee ready at 7:30 AM*
- 9:00 AM Leidy Microscopical Society, Annual Symposium
- to 6:00 PM

## SUNDAY, March 15

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 AM Traditional Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Contemporary Service with Holy Communion  
Sunday School: Children age 4 to grade 6
- 10:30 AM Fellowship Time: Joanne Kelly
- 10:45 AM Adult Bible Study in the Parlor with George Henry